

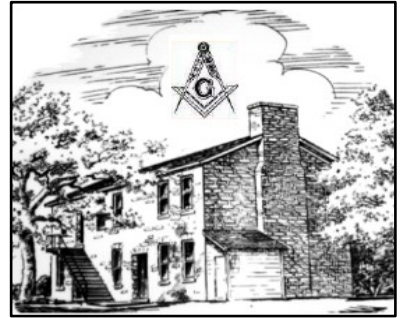
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April 2019

Lodge Officers 2018 - 2019

WM: **Christopher R. Dawson**
 SW: **David "Tide" Williams**
 JW: **Orlando Perez**
 Treas: **Dennis C. Kestner, PM**
 Sec: **Troy J. Shugart, PM**
 Chap: **Raul J. Scully, PM**
 SD: **Ernest Owney**
 JD: **Richard Alonso**
 SS: **Jeromy W. Odom**
 JS: **Abram Wallace**
 Mar: **Dennis J. Ross, PM**
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 Mus: **William L. Lewis, PM**
 Tiler: **Bobby Clakley**

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1969- Tommie J. Conner
 1970- Ralph L. Cearley
 1974- Jimmy M. Hodges
 1977- Roy L. Hamor
 1978- Bobby J. Doherty
 1980- Ronald B. Norwood
 1981- Howard D. Hall
 1982- Alan L. Karotkin
 1984- Matias H. Ruiz
 1987- Elliott R. Wilson
 1988- Jerry T. Jarmon
 1989- Dennis C. Kestner
 1991- Ronnie H. Lee
 1993- Albert A. Mehlhaff
 1994- Walter H. Argall
 1995- Javier R. Gonzalez
 1996- Kenneth P. Wood
 1997- William S. Lear
 1998- John W. Turner

1999- James F. Keese
 2000- Walter E. Sanders
 2001- Jonathan D. Walker
 2002- Robert L. Roda
 2003- Ricky J. Tindell
 2004- Elijo Arjona, Jr.
 2005- Hamilton B. Carter
 2006- Russell M. Tidwell II
 2007- Michael E. Sanders
 2008- Daniel E. Barber
 2009- Dale L. Flatt
 2010- Tony M. Ramirez
 2011- Dennis J. Ross
 2012- Adrian W. Edmundson
 2013- Raul J. Scully
 2014- Ben B. Rauschke
 2015- Curtis A. Gilgan
 2016- Jeff J. Carroll
 2017- William L. Lewis

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 Carlton L. Edwards
 Robert Eschenburg
 Elbert I. Franks
 Reagan W. Hammett
 Bennie L. Hudson
 Howard Kimball
 James M. King
 Don R. Long
 Wes Mersiovsky
 Bobby J. Norris
 Gene C. Payne
 Troy J. Shugart
 Bill Weathers
 James C. Wells
 Roni Zulu



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April Birthdays

Jack H. Broome, Luis M. Ramirez 1; John C. Preece, Andrew W. James 2; Wilbert H. Else, Marion P. Kerr 4; Gerald C. Carruth, William L. Hatten, David "Tide" Williams 8; Bennie L. Hudson, Franklin E. Merica III 9; Joe D. Beaver, Jerry F. Trammell 10; Hamilton B. Carter 11; William W. Winnie III 13; Lawrence I. Falk 14; James K. Miller 15; Gerald L. Curry, Jesus P. Velazquez 16; Brett M. Chandler-Finch 17; Benjamin B. Rauschke 18; James W. Dobbs 20; Antonio F. Moreno 22; James E. Meeks III 24; Frank C. Hankins, Thomas R. Mayfield 26; Charles L. Allen 27.

Masonic Birthdays; raised in April (year)

L.A. Westling, Donald W. Dickerson 57; Forest M. Cruse, Sr. 59; Raymond D. Hannah, Ladare V. Benoit 62; Ernest C. Applegate 64; Rodney H. Lewis, Donn C. Winner 65; Wayne E. Moore 66; George W. Henry 71, David J. Faria 78; Daniel P. Vasquez 80; Dennis C. Kestner 81; James W. Fouts 86; David C. Kestner 87; Javier R. Gonzalez, Robert F. Simo 88; Robert L. Roda 98; William S. Lear, Orlin G. Williams 92; Joe A. Pickering 96; Thomas S. Estes 03; Omar Chavez 07; Christopher R. Dawson 10; Larry L. Haney, Patrick L. Williams 12.

*And God said, "Let there be light,"
 and there was light!*

*Happy Birthday, Brothers!
 May the Supreme Architect bless you with many more!*

Stated Meeting

First Thursday
April 4th, 2019

Master Mason's Lodge

Family Night

Meal at 6:30 p.m.
Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Onion Creek Lodge Committee Chairmen:

Beacon Editor: **David Karhi**
Breakfast Socials: **Richard Alonso**
Building: **Jeromy Odom**
Cemetery: **Abram Wallace**
Communications: **Dale Flatt, PM**
Esoteric Instruction: **Troy Shugart, PM**
Finance: **Ernest Owney**
Funeral: **Curtis Gilgan, PM**
Historian: **Troy Shugart, PM**
Hospital: **H. Max Fisher**
Ill and Visitation: **Carl Robinson**
Vanguard: **Christopher Dawson**
Orlando Perez

From the East...

Greetings brethren and Happy April!

We're getting closer and closer to summer — but the good news is the we can still enjoy the outdoors and sunlight without getting burnt to a crisp!

On February 28th, a deserving EA was passed to the degree of Fellowcraft. The degree team did an outstanding job.

During the month of March, several Onion Creek brothers presented South Austin Elementary Schools with the Fantastic Teeth kits we assembled in February. I'd like to thank Max Fisher; Dennis Ross, PM; Jay Sharp III and Curtis Gilgan, PM for devoting their time to continue our outreach to our local schools and kids in need.

On March 13th, SW Tide Williams and I traveled to Round Rock #227 in order to visit Rainbow Girls Austin #5. After a wonderful reception, I presented a donation from Onion Creek No. 220 to their Assembly. The Assembly and Advisory members were very grateful and, hearing how much work they are doing in their community, this was a much-needed boost to cover their expenses. We were also invited to visit again very soon!

As March concludes, several brothers have been attending Grand Masters Conferences and events around our great state. There are still quite a few to attend, including the Master's Conference in Austin on April 6th. Be sure to put this on your calendar! One of these many events was the Goliad Observance, commemorating Goliad's most tragic moment. On Palm Sunday, March 27, 1836, Brother James W. Fannin along with 329 prisoners were executed by explicit orders from Antonio López de Santa Anna. Goliad was also the site where the first Texas Declaration of Independence had been signed in December of 1835. Of those who signed it, seven were Masons.

The Cemetery Committee had originally scheduled a lawn mowing for March 23rd, but due to rain in the forecast, it was moved to March 30th. Thanks to all the brothers, family, and friends who came out to help!

Also, an Esoteric Workshop that was originally scheduled for March 23rd was moved to May 22nd. Look for reminders about this in the future so that you can attend and increase your Masonic knowledge.

Looking forward, we have our April Stated Meeting on April 4th. This will be a special day where

we honor our 2019 Golden Trowel recipient. We will also be receiving RW Mark Dermit, DDGM of Masonic District 50, who will be making his 1st official visit to Onion Creek. Please be sure to attend!

On April 6th, Ben-Hur Shrine will be hosting a Grand Master's Conference at 2:30pm. We would love to have a big turnout from Onion Creek, so if you're interested, ask an officer for more details — or look out for a "This Week" email from our secretary.

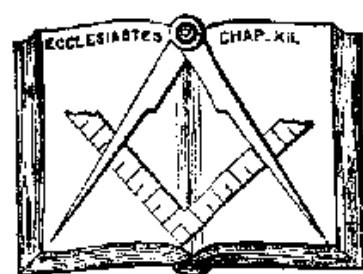
April 13th will be our monthly Pipe and Cigar Night. Grab your favorite smoke, vape, or just a camp chair and hang out on the patio with us as we discuss all things Masonic.

April 22nd is the District 50 MWSA meeting at Austin Lodge #12 at the Scottish Rite Theater. They will serve a meal at 6:30pm and begin the meeting at 7:30pm. Remember, you don't have to be a master, warden, or secretary to attend!

Lastly, our May Stated Meeting will be on the 2nd.

Brethren, I hope you all have a fantastic April!

Worshipful Master Christopher Dawson



***Called to the
Celestial Lodge***

Charles W. Hampton
February 4, 2019

Boyce V. "Bob" Oakes
February 14, 2019

Austin High Twelve

What are you doing for lunch?

Join your brothers from all over the area for lunch on the Second Wednesday of the month. The joys of a masonic meeting without the boring recitation of minutes. The idea behind the High Twelve Association is for Master Masons to come together in an open, light-hearted way, getting away from work, and enjoying fraternalism and philanthropy. While only Master Masons can be members, our meetings are open to anyone. So, invite your wives, your girlfriends (just not at the same time), or even men who have expressed an interest in Masonry. Attire is, well, Austin professional. Come as you are!

We are still in the planning stages of forming a local club. Meetings are structured around the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer, lunch/socializing, and an invited speaker.

If you want more information, come join us Wednesday, April 10, 2019, at 11:30 AM at the El Mercado Uptown (1702 Lavaca St. — Across from the Scottish Rite). If you can't make it, check out High Twelve online at www.high12.org

Charles E. Maddox

From the West

I am happy to report that we are now down to a single digit number of brethren who have not yet paid their dues, and we should be able to wrap all of this up at the April stated meeting. My apologies to the several brothers who were mistakenly notified of being "in arrears" last month. We have identified the issue, and have taken steps to ensure that doesn't happen in future years. Additionally, to make this less of an issue next year, I'll remind the brethren, dues are payable in advance, and must be received by the lodge no later than December 31st.

Project SOS is moving along. We have raised \$1470 thus far, so we're just under \$1000 from reaching the goal. I plan to start the bulk buying of supplies in May to allow for ample time to assemble the kits before the kids start back to school in mid-August. There is still time to donate, but time is quickly slipping by. My heartfelt thanks to all of those who have given so generously. For those still who have yet to donate, please go to <https://www.gofundme.com/project-sos-supply-our-students>, or you can use the QR code below. The child's life you change today could change the world for you tomorrow!

Senior Warden David "Tide" Williams



Prayer List

Please remember the following people in your prayers as they seek comfort and healing. They are or have been ill, recovering from medical procedures or have limited mobility: T.K. Anthony, Walter Boyd, Jack Brassil, Glenn & Wanda Brodderick, Thomas Carroll (Jeff's dad), Madeline Carter (Richard Alonso's Mother in-law), Gerald & Zoey Curry, Glenn Dyess, Sidney Ellis, Lily Forman (Troy Shugart's niece), Curtis Gilgan, RW Mike Gower and family, Reagan Hammett, Sam Hill, Freddie Hite, Arnold Holden, Ethel Johnson (Roland Brown's stepdaughter), Amy Karotkin (Alan's daughter), Larry Korts, Johnnie Long, Thurman McGinnis, Wes Mersiovsky, Tony Moreno's family, Jeanine Robinson (wife of Carl Robinson), Tom Rogers' family, JT Shugart (Troy's dad), Theresa Shugart (Troy's mother), David Solverson, Henry Tindell, and Louis Ugarte (cousin of JW Orlando Perez).

If you know of others who should be on this list, please contact WM Chris Dawson or Chaplain Raul Scully, PM

SAMC Hospital Volunteers

During the month of February, 7 Masons and 2 wives contributed over 120 hours assisting our friends and neighbors over at St. David's South Austin Medical Center.

The outstanding volunteers who made this possible are (in alphabetical order): Linda Boyd with 22 hours, Dave Faria with 18 hours, Max Fisher with 5 hours, Dwane Idecker with 4 hours, David Karhi with 6 hours, Carl Robinson with 16 hours, Jeanine Robinson with 16 hours, Dennis Ross with 2 hours, and Bobby Tiner with 27 hours.

Thank you folks for a job well done!

April Menu

April Food Committee Chairman Richard Rayborn reports they will be serving brisket, sausage, potato salad, and beans.

Thank you for a fine meal!